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shall include at least three fluid milk processors and at least one member from the general public. Except for the non-processor member or members from the general public, nominees appointed to the Board must be active owners or employees of a fluid milk processor. The failure of such a member to own or work for such fluid milk processor shall disqualify that member for membership on the Board except that such member shall continue to serve on the Board for a period not to exceed 6 months following the disqualification or until appointment of a successor Board member to such position, whichever is sooner, provided that such person continues to meet the criteria for serving on the Board as a processor representative. Should a member representing the general public cease to be employed by the entity employing that member when appointed, gain employment with a new employer, or cease to own or operate the business which that member owned or operated at the date of appointment, such member shall be disqualified for membership on the Board, except that such member shall continue to serve on the Board for a period not to exceed 6 months, or until appointment of a successor Board member, whichever is sooner.

(b) In selecting the 15 Board members who represent geographic regions, one member shall be selected from each of the following regions:

Region 1. Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Region 2. New York and New Jersey.

Region 3. Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Region 4. Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Region 5. Florida.

Region 6. Ohio and West Virginia.

Region 7. Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Region 8. Illinois and Indiana.

Region 9. Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee.

Region 10. Texas.

Region 11. Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

Region 12. Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, and Utah.

Region 13. Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming.

Region 14. Northern California which shall be composed of the Northern California Marketing Area and the South Valley Mar-

keting Area as defined by the Stabilization and Marketing Plan, as amended, issued by the California Department of Food and Agriculture pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2, Part 3, Division 21, of the California Food and Agriculture Code, effective February 3, 1992.

Region 15. Southern California which shall be composed of the Southern California Marketing Area as defined by the Stabilization and Marketing Plan, as amended, issued by the California Department of Food and Agriculture pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2, Part 3, Division 21, of the California Food and Agriculture Code, effective February 3, 1992.

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§ 1160.201 Term of office.

(a) The members of the Board shall serve for terms of three years, except that the members appointed to the initial Board shall serve proportionately, for terms of one year, two years, and three years, as determined by the Secretary. The terms of all Board members shall expire upon the suspension or termination of the order except as provided in §1160.502.

(b) No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms, except that any member who is appointed to serve for an initial term of one or two years shall be eligible to be reappointed for two three-year terms. Appointment to another position on the Board is considered a consecutive term. Should a non-board member be appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board with a term of 18 months or less remaining, the appointee shall be entitled to serve two consecutive 3-year terms following the term of the vacant position to which the person was appointed.

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§ 1160.202 Nominations.

Nominations for members of the Board shall be made in the following manner:

(a) The Secretary shall solicit nominations for the initial Board from individual fluid milk processors and other interested parties, including eligible organizations. Fluid milk processors

and other interested parties may submit nominations for positions on the Board for regions in which they are located or market fluid milk, and for at-large members. Eligible organizations may submit a slate of nominees for seats in all regions and for at-large members.

(b) After the appointment of the initial Board, the Secretary shall announce at least 180 days in advance of the expiration of members' terms that such terms are expiring, and shall solicit nominations for such positions in the manner described in paragraph (a) of this section. Nominations for such positions should be submitted to the Secretary not less than 120 days prior to the expiration of members' terms.

§ 1160.203 Nominee's agreement to serve.

Each nominee for Board membership must file with the Secretary at the time of nomination a written agreement to serve on the Board if appointed.

§ 1160.204 Appointment.

From the nominations made pursuant to § 1160.202, the Secretary shall appoint the members of the Board on the basis of representation provided for in §§ 1160.200 and 1160.201.

§ 1160.205 Vacancies.

To fill any vacancy occasioned by the death, removal, resignation, or disqualification of any member of the Board, the Secretary shall appoint a successor from the most recent list of nominations made by individual fluid milk processors and other interested parties, including eligible organizations, for the Board, or from nominations made by the Board.

§ 1160.206 Procedure.

(a) A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum at a properly convened meeting of the Board. Any action of the Board shall require the concurring votes of at least a majority of those present and voting. The Board shall establish rules concerning timely notice of meetings.

(b) The Board may take action upon the concurring votes of a majority of members by mail, telephone, telegraph,

or other means of electronic communication when, in the opinion of the chairperson of the Board, such action must be taken before a meeting can be called. Action taken by this emergency procedure is valid only if all members are notified and provided the opportunity to vote and any telephone vote is confirmed promptly in writing. Any action so taken shall have the same force and effect as though such action had been taken at a properly convened meeting of the Board.

§ 1160.207 Compensation and reimbursement.

The members of the Board and trustees, if any, named under § 1160.502, shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary and reasonable expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties under this subpart.

§ 1160.208 Powers of the Board.

The Board shall have the following powers:

(a) To receive and evaluate, or on its own initiative develop, and budget for plans or projects to educate consumers and promote the use of fluid milk products and to make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such proposals;

(b) To administer the provisions of this subpart in accordance with its terms and provisions;

(c) To make rules and regulations to effectuate the terms and provisions of this subpart;

(d) To receive, investigate, and report to the Secretary complaints of violations of the provisions of this subpart;

(e) To employ such persons as the Board deems necessary and determine the duties and compensation of such persons;

(f) To contract with eligible organizations or other persons to conduct activities authorized pursuant to this subpart;

(g) To select committees and subcommittees, to adopt bylaws, and to adopt such rules for the conduct of its business as it may deem advisable; the Board may establish working committees of persons other than Board members;